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FIRE EXERCISES

1. Purpose. To establish policy and guidelines for medical coverage during live fire exercises involving large bore weapons.
2. Background. Guidance was established by the previous CG III MEF (MGEN Rollins) that a physician will be present for all live-fire exercises at Camp Fuji, Japan. Since there is no medical officer assigned to Camp Fuji this has made it difficult for camp personnel to perform small arms training. This order is intended to clarify the requirements.
3. Action
 - a. All III Marine Expeditionary Force Units conducting live-fire training exercises at Camp Fuji that involve large bore weapons will have a Medical Officer present. The likelihood of a mass casualty situation involving casualties with significant injuries is greatly increased with the firing of large bore weapons. Furthermore, the limited available medical assets at this remote location and the lengthy transport time to medical treatment facilities in the area compel III MEF units to deploy with their Medical Officer whenever conducting live-fire exercises involving large bore weapons.
 - b. This Force Order applies to all live-fire exercises that involve large bore weapons. Therefore exercises involving small arms are not required by this order to have a Medical Officer present but will have Field Corpsman and a safety vehicle in attendance at all times. Hospital Corpsman are well trained to handle casualties resulting from small arms fire.


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